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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before 1, insert

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, cancel "or 2"

Claim 5, line 4, cancel "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert  
--claim 1--

Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, cancel "any one of claims 1 to 4" and  
insert --claim 1--

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAIM:

--11. A method of treating osteoporosis in warm-blooded  
animals comprising administering to warm-blooded animals an  
effective amount of a monomer protein of claim 1 sufficient to